

SECRET

Copy 10/10

9 JAN 1964

**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric
The Deputy Secretary of Defense**

SUBJECT: Request for Additional U-2 Aircraft

1. I have recently completed an extensive review of the Central Intelligence Agency's present capability, utilizing U-2 aircraft, to respond in a timely manner in support of National Intelligence collection requirements on a world-wide basis. As a result, I have concluded that this capability has now deteriorated to a level that must be considered inadequate in the face of current and anticipated future requirements for covert reconnaissance by this Agency.

2. My conclusion has been reached after taking into account the transfer and assignment of two USAF-possessed U-2 aircraft to CIA in June of 1963 in response to your direction, and the total effect of this transfer in November 1963.

3. Accordingly I would appreciate it if you would make the necessary arrangement for the early transfer of a U-2 aircraft from USAF to the

OSD HAS NO OBJECTION TO
DECLASSIFICATION AND
RELEASE.

SECRET

OSD review(s) completed

SECRET

Page 2

25X1

CIA with the suggested proviso that the possible need for a second such transfer be examined again in early April 1964, barring some unforeseen adverse development before that time.

(Signed) John A. McCone
John A. McCone
Director

25X1
CONCUR:

[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

25X1
DAD/OSA/JACunningham [Redacted] **(revised)**

25X1
[Redacted Signature]

DAD/OSA 31 DEC 1963

Distribution:

- #1 & #2 - Addressee**
- #3 - DCI**
- #4 - ER**
- #5 & #6 - DD/S&T**
- #7 - AD/OSA**
- #8 & #9 - DAD/OSA**
- #10 - RB/OSA**

SECRET